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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED INFORMATION PARA TWO ON STATUS OF NICHOLAS KALOUDIS AND ANTHONY AMBATIELOS ARRESTED FEBRUARY 14 THIS YEAR BY GOG AUTHORITIES SEVERAL DAYS AFTER TRANSMITTAL REF B. EMBASSY CONSIDERS INFORMATION ACCURATE.

2. NICHOLAS KALOUDIS AND ANTHONY AMBATIELOS BOTH MEMBERS OF THE GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY (KKE) POLITBURO WERE ARRESTED BY ATHENS GENERAL SECURITY ON FEBRUARY 14, 1974 AS LEADERS OF THE PRO-MOSCOW KKE ILLEGAL NETWORK IN GREECE.

INITIALLY BOTH WERE DETAINED FOR INTERROGATION AT THE ATHENS GENERAL SECURITY FACILITIES ON MESOGEION STREET ATHENS. WHEN THEIR INTERROGATION WAS COMPLETED, GIVEN THE LIMITED DETENTION FACILITIES AT THE ATHENS GENERAL SECURITY, BOTH WERE TRANSFERRED ON APRIL 10, 1974 TO THE BOGIATI MILITARY PRISON.

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ON APRIL 20, 1974 KALOUDIS AND AMBATIELOS WERE TRANSFERRED OUT

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OF BOGIATI. KALOUDIS WAS ADMITTED TO THE REGULATING MEDICAL CENTER IN HOLARGOS TO BE TREATED FOR CALCIUM DEFICIENCY. HE WAS RETURNED FOR DETENTION AT ATHENS GENERAL SECURITY ON MAY 3, 1974. NOW THAT DETENTION CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED HE IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN THERE UNTIL HIS TRIAL.

AMBATIELOS WAS ADMITTED TO THE 401 MILITARY HOSPITAL ON APRIL 20. WHEN RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL HE WILL JOIN KALOUDIS IN GENERAL SECURITY.
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